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SUBJECT: AUGUST 25 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. PHILIPPINES

NAPOLION LECHOCHO SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON FRIDAY
FOR HOLDING AMBASSADOR HOSTAGE IN PHIL EMBASSY IN
WASHINGTON LAST FALL. FEDERAL JUDGE CORCORAN REFUSED
RELEASE ON BOND PENDING APPEAL, ON GROUNDS "CONGRESS
CONSIDERED THIS CRIME SO ABHORENT (IN PASSING LAWS ON
ASSAULT OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS) THAT IT DID NOT PROVIDE
FOR PROBATION..." (PIKE, WSTAR 8/23). US ATTORNEY
COLLING STRESSED INTL IMPLICATIONS OF THIS FIRST CASE
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TRIED UNDER RECENTLY-EXPANDED FEDERAL KIDNAPPING LAW,
SAID US DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY "CONCERNED LEST OUR OWN
OFFICIALS ABROAD BE TERRORIZED" (MEYER, WP 8/24).

PAL ORDERED PAY USG 267,000 DOLLAR CIVIL PENALTY FOR

UNAUTHORIZED DC10 FLIGHT TO SAN FRANCISCO, ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH OF 267 VIOLATIONS OF CABRALES -- NUMBER OF PASSENGERS AND PARCELS ON BOARD. PAL ONLY AUTHORIZED FLY DC8 TO SFO (WSJ, SAN FRANCISCO).

GOP SAYS MONDAY SIGNED LETTER OF INTENT WITH KAWASAKI

HEAVY INDUSTRIES TO BUILD JOINTLY 72 MILLION DOL SHIP-REPAIR YARD AT SUBIC BAY. KAWASAKI WILL BUILD DOCK CAPABLE HANDLING 300,000 TONS SHIPPING ANNUALLY. NIL WORKERS WILL COME MOSTLY FROM US BASE AT SUBIC, WHICH CUTTING BACK OPERATIONS (AP, WSJ).

GWM INDOCHINA

PL PEACEFULLY TOOK OVER ADMINISTRATION VIENTIANE AT WEEKEND CELEBRATION, IN EFFECT COMPLETING CONTROL OF LAST INDOCHINA STATE (CSM; CHITRIB; AP, NYDN). PL BORDER GUARDS BEGAN LETTING FERRY TRAFFIC RESUME ACROSS MEKONG (CHITRIB); TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH COMMUNICATIONS WITH OUTSIDE WORLD PARTIALLY RESTORED AFTER BEING CUT SATURDAY DURING "LIBERATION" CELEBRATIONS (WP).

NYT'S ANDELMAN AT BANGKOK QUOTES SOUVANNA, IN BRIEF TELEPHONE INTERVIEW FOLLOWING RESTORATION OF COMMUNICATIONS THAT ALL CALM, COALITION INTACT, HE IS STILL PM. ANDELMAN NOTES VIENTIANE LAST PROV TAKEN OVER BY PL WITH ARRIVAL TROOPS IN STRENGTH; OPINES COALITION ENDED, DESPITE PRINCE'S VIEWS. SAYS W DIPLOMAT STATES PL WANT CONTINUE COALITION FORM, REIGN OF KING AS HEAD OF STATE AT LEAST UNTIL ELECTION NEXT YR WHEN EVERYTHING WILL BE SEWN UP LEGALLY.

KYODO REPORTS SIHANOUK PLANS ADDRESS UNGA THIS FALL (CSM; UPI, CHITRIO). HANOI BROADCAST QUOTES KHIEU UNCLASSIFIED

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SAMPHAN THAT GOVT MINISTERS JOINED IN PLANTING CROPS, AND CAMBODIANS HAVE ENOUGH FOOD FOR NORMAL LIFE (WP).

IN 2ND OF 2 ARTICLES ON MIL USE OF WEATHER AS WEAPON,

WSTAR'S RUSSELL (8/23) QUOTES ADMIN WITNESSES THAT RAINMAKING HAD ONLY LIMITED MIL EFFECT IN VN WAR.

NVN, SVN FONMINS AT LIMA SAY VN UNIFICATION ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED, OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ONLY MATTER OF PROCEDURE, WILL BE MADE IN DUE TIME (WP).

MIA FAMILY QUOTES AMB MOYNIHAN THAT HE WILL RAISE ISSUE OF MIAS IN SEA AT UN (OMAHA WORLD HERALD 8/16).

3. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

NINE PCT OF FIRST 52,000 RESETTLED REFUGEES ON WELFARE,
ACCORDING HEW (PHINQ; AP, NYT; JACKMAN, NYDN).

SPONSORSHIPS DWINDLE, REFUGEES IN CAMPS FACE BLEAK
WINTER (UPI, CHITRIB; CHITRIB ALSO CARRIES FULL PAGE
OF PHOTOS TAKEN AT PENDLETON). OKLAHOMA STARTS PROGRAM
TO FIND SPONSORS FOR 1500 REFUGEES (NYT).

4. JAPAN

ANA SPOKESMAN SAID FRIDAY JAPAN'S SECOND LARGEST
IR
CARRIER SIGNED AGREEMENT IN LONDON FOR 20.8 MILLION
DOL LOAN TO FINANCE PURCHASE OF LOCKHEED TRISTAR ENGINES,
RELATED EQUIPMENT. LOAN EXTENDED BY NATL WESTMINSTER
BANK, SPONSORED BY BRITISH EXPORT CREDIT GUARANTEE
DEPT; REPAYABLE 10-YRS, 8 PERCENT INTEREST. ANA EXPECTED
SIGN AGREEMENT IN NY MONDAY FOR 10-YR 8.5 PERCENT
115.2 MILLION DOL LOANS FROM US EXIM, SYNDICATE OF FIVE
BANKS TO FINANCE PURCHASE FOUR MORE TRISTARS, BRINGING
FLEET TO 18 PLANES BY NEXT SUMMER (JOC, TOCYO).

CULLISON (JOC) SAYS MAJOR BANKS PROMISED OVER WEEKEND
TO SUPPORT GOJ PLAN TO REORGANIZE NATION'S OIL FIRMS
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INTO SINGLE CORP THROUGH MERGERS. CONSOLIDATION AIM
TO FORM SINGLE LARGE OIL FIRM SIMILAR IN SIZE TO MAJORS.
EXPECTED BECOME NATL PROJECT, SUBSIDIZED BY GOJ.

JOC (TOKYO) SAYS VENEZUELA COULD EMERGE AS ONE OF
JAPAN'S MAJOR OIL SUPPLIERS, BIG MARKET AS RESULT
OF CARACAS VISIT OVER WEEKEND BY ECONOMIC "OVERLORD" --
DEP PM TAKEO FUKUDA. BOTH NATIONS SEEM INTERESTED
IN LONG-TERM AGREEMENT TO GIVE VENEZUELA UP TO 10
PERCENT OF JAPAN OIL MARKET, AS SUGGESTED BY OIL MIN
HERNANDEZ ON RECENT TOKYO VISIT.

JAPAN AUTO MFRS ASSN (JAMA) SAID MONDAY JULY VEHICLE
OUTPUT 617,402 UNITS, UP 9 PERCENT OVER LAST JULY
(WSJ, TOKYO).

ROYAL-GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANIES PRES CONFIRMS RECENT
ANNOUNCEMENT IN LONDON THAT MOF APPROVED APPLICATION
TO OPEN BRANCH IN JAPAN TO SELL NON-LIFE INSURANCE,
MAKING IT FIRST FOREIGN FIRM ALLOWED DO SO IN 25 YEARS
(JOC).

THPHOON RITA, SECOND OF SEASON, LEFT 34 DEAD, 6

MISSING. HOKKAIDO HIT HARDEST WHEN STORM CURLED BACK OVER ISLAND, WITH 8,000 HOMES WASHED AWAY BY TORRENTIAL RAIN. HOTEL NE OF SAPPORO COLLAPSED, KILLING AT LEAST SIX (AFP, WP; AP, NYDN).

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART SUNDAY WILL PAY 5.1 MILLION DOLS FOR COLLECTION OF 412 WORKS OF JAPANESE -- FROM NEOLITHIC TO MODERN -- APPRAISED AT 11.3 MILLION DOLS. BALANCE LISTED AS GIFT BY AMERICAN COLLECTOR, LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF JAPAN, HARRY PACKARD (AP WP, CHITRIO).

5. KOREA

PA DEPT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY REFUSED RENEW STATE LICENSE OF KOREAN-AMERICAN PUBLIC RELATIONS AND EMPLOYMENT AGENCY. SPOKESMAN SAID DENIAL BASED OF ALLEGATIONS TWO FIRM OFFICIALS TWICE FAILED PASS TESTS REQUIRED BY LAW, "MISREPRESENTED" WAGE INFO UNCLASSIFIED

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ON IMMIGRATION FORMS (PHILA BULLETIN 8/19).

6. CHINA

AP (TOKYO) REPORTS WANG PING-NAN, FORMER MINISTER PURGED DURING GPCR, HAS BEEN POLITICALLY REHABILITATED, NAMED PRESIDENT OF PEOPLE'S ASSN FOR FRIENDSHIP WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES, ACCORDING NCNA (SUN, NYT).

JOC SPECIAL (PEKING) REPORTS NOW APPEARS PRC CANNOT EXPECT BUMPER HARVEST THIS YEAR. HAS BEEN BAD YR CLIMATICALLY -- FLOODS IN SOUTH, DROUGHT IN NORTH; CONFIRMATION FLOODING IN HONAN ALSO RAISES QUESTION OF HOW EFFECTIVE FLOOD CONTROL SCHEMES HAVE BEEN ON YELLOW RIVER. NO MENTION YET IN PRC MEDIA OF HONAN FLOODING, BUT CLEAR THAT MAJOR DAMAGE DONE TO IMPORTANT PEKING-CANTON RAIL ARTERY.

RULE INFRACTION GIVES TAIWAN VICTORY OVER JAPAN IN FAR EAST LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP -- TAIWAN'S SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE TITLE (AP, WP; PHINQ).

7. TIMOR

MORTARS, GRENADES REPORTEDLY HIT AREA SUNDAY WHERE 1000 REFUGEES AWAITED EVACUATION FROM DILI; NO INFO ON CASUALTIES, BUT GOV APPEALS FOR INTL INTERVENTION (AP WP, SUN; PHINQ; CHITRIB). NORWEGIAN SHIP CARRIES 1115 EVACUEES TO DARWIN (AP, WP) INCLUDING 9 INJURED. INDONESIA WILL LET REFUGEES FROM TIMOR CIVIL WAR CROSS INTO ITS TERRITORY (AP, SUN). HAVY CASUALTIES REPORTED BETWEEN DEMOCRATIC

UNION OF TIMOR AND REV FRONT FOR INDEPENDENT E TIMOR.
APODETI PARTY NOT INVOLVED IN FIGHTING (PHINQ).

8. AUSTRALIA

FIGHT OVER OIL PRICES LOOMS AS PRODUCERS WANT BOOST
IN DOMESTIC PRICE TO PREVAILING WORLD LEVEL, GENERALLY
CONSIDERED OUT OF QUESTION. SOME FORESEE 2-TIER
COMPROMISE WITH DIFFERENT PRICES FOR OIL FROM PRESENT,
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FUTURE WELLS (HARTLEY, WSJ).

9. SINGAPORE

COL SINGH COMPANY, WITH 26 OUTLETS, INTENDS CHECK US
MARKET TO SEE IF POTENTIAL EXISTS FOR FRANCHISES, JOINT
VENTURES TO SELL TANDOORIE CHICKEN AS CONVENIENCE FOOD
(WSJ).

10. GENERAL

NYT'S HOLLES REPORTS LARGE PART US TUNA FLEET PLANNING
DEMONSTRATION IN SAN DIEGO 8/26 TO PROTEST VIOLATIONS
INTL CONSERVATION ZONE SET UP 1966. US SAID BE ONLY
COUNTRY ENFORCING REGULATIONS; OTHER SIGNATORIES
INCLUDE FRANCE, MEXICO, JAPAN, PANAMA, COSTA RICA
AND NICARAGUA; FISHING CRAFT FROM NON-TREATY NATIONS,
INCLUDING PRC, SK SPOTTED OPERATING IN ZONE.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. CHINA

NYT SEES EVIDENCE PRC'S ECON GROWTH HAS RECOVERED
SIGNIFICANTLY FROM LAST YEAR'S SLOWDOWN. FEELS AT
LEAST ONE GENERATION LIKELY TO PASS BEFORE PEKING'S
ECONOMY CAN RIVAL THAT OF US OR SOVIET; BUT GIVEN
POLITICAL STABILITY AND FUTURE LEADERSHIP SIMILAR TO
MAO/CHOU, PRC PROMISES TO BECOME INDUSTRIALLY EVER
MORE SIGNIFICANT (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

SUN SEES LAST WEEK'S SHELIVING OF LATEST UN MOVE TO
"LIBERATE" PUERTO RICO AS VICTORY FOR SELF-AWARENESS
OF SOME THIRD WORLD STATESGM OBSERVES THAT INDIA COULD
HARDLY DEMAND US REJECT PATENTLY FREE ELECTIONS RETURNS
IN PUERTO RICO, IN VIEW OF GOI'S HISTORY OF THWARTING
DEMANDS FOR VOTE IN KASHMIR; SIMILARLY, PRC, HAVING
EXERCISED TIBETAN PEOPLE'S RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION
"BY GUNPOINT PROXY," TOOK ADVANTAGE OF INDIAN AND
OTHER DEFECTIONS TO ABSTAIN, FOR LACK OF CONCENSUS
AMONG THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

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12. TIMOR

SUN FINDS IT STRANGE THAT THIS FRAGMENT OF LOST WORLD IS ENDING WITH BANG, NOT WHIMPER; SUGGESTS WHAT IS NO MORE PORTUGAL'S MAY YET BE INDONESIA'S.

13. MARIANAS

BOSTON HA MAINTAINS IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR THAT MILITARY/DEFENSIVE ASPECT OF PROPOSED MARIANAS ANNEXATION IS WHAT'S OF PRIME VALUE TO US.

CSM'S CANHAM, IN LETTER TO NYT, ASSERTS MARIANAS PLEBISCITE WAS VERY CAREFULLY OBSERVED BY UN MISSION WHICH CAME OUT TO SEE EXACTLY HOW IT WAS CONDUCTED; MAINTAINS WISHES OF MARIANAS PEOPLE SHOULD BE RESPECTED.

14. INDOCHINA

CSM SEES LAOS BENDING TO WIND OF COMMUNISM; THERE WAS NEVER DOUBT COALITION WOULD SUCCUMB TO PL ONCE VN, CAMBODIA FELL. BELIEVES MEO TRIBESMEN MAY BE THOSE SUFFERING MOST IN "ALMOST GENTLE" UPHEAVAL. WONDERS AT WHAT EXTENT NVN WILL DOMINATE LAOS. HOPES US CAN KEEP FOOT IN DOOR, FORGE NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH LAOS, CONSIDER OPENING LINES TO CAMBODIA, SVN. IN VIEW KIND OF SITUATION CREATED IN INDOCHINA BY SINO-SOVIET RIVALRY, THINKS US PRESENCE WOULD BE STABILIZING. NOTES VIETS PUTTING OUT FEELERS TO USG, AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES. HOPES WASHINGTON WILL BE PREPARED IF INDOCHINA STATES SEEK NEW TIE WITH US (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

CHITRIB'S YATES AT TOKYO (GLOBE 8/24) QUOTES LETTER SMUGGLED FROM SAIGON THAT ALLEGES NEW SVN EMBARKING ON ROAD OF POLITICAL PERSECUTION REMARKABLY LIKE THAT OF THIEUGN WITH OPPONENTS JAILED. SAYS "BIG" MINH REPORTEDLY BEING "REEDUCATED" IN HANOI, NEW SECRET POLICE ORGANIZATION SET UP.

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15. SEATO/ASEAN

STL P-D (8/9) BELIEVES SEATO FINAL CURTAIN APPEARS ONLY MONTHS AWAY AS MARCOS, KUKRIT CALL FOR DISSOLUTION. ADVISES US START PHASING-OUT ORGANIZATION AT FALL MEETING OF SEATO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. OPINES COLLECTIVE

AGREEMENT, IF NEEDED, LIES WITH ASEAN THAT IS BASICLY REGIONAL ECON GROUPING. SAYS PHASING-OUT COLLECTIVE DEFENSE AGREEMENT WILL BE RARE EXPERIENCE FOR US, AND

AMERICANS WILL WELCOME SENSE OF REALITY FROM WASHINGTON CONCERNING SEATO NOW THAT PHILS, RTG HAVE ANNOUNCED TIME TO CLOSE BOOKS.

16. UN

PHILA BULLETIN (8/14) CONSIDERS VN VETOES BY US JUSTIFIED, SINCE ORGANIZATION IS FOR ALL AND UNSC WOULD NOT CONSIDER SK APPLICATION.

17. JAPAN

ROWEN (WP) CITES IMF ANNUAL REPORT THAT STATES POOREST OF OIL-IMPORTING NATIONS WILL SUFFER TRADE DEFICIT ABOUT 35 BILLION DOLS THIS YEAR, RAISING QUESTION OF GZACTUAL ABILITY AND WILLINGNESS" REST OF WORLD TO FINANCE THEM. REPORT NOTES ICS SHOULD MOVE COMPLETELY OUT OF DEFICIT; DOES NOT RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT OIL PRICE SET BY OPEC; CALLS ON BIG THREE ICS -- US, FRG, JAPAN -- TO TAKE LEAD IN REVIVING ECONOMIC GROWTH WITHOUT RISKING NEW INFLATIONARY PRESSURES.

TGM DESTRY JARVIS, NATL PARKS AND CONSERVATION ASSN, WRITES IN LETTER TO NYT THAT CONSERVATIONISTS "NEITHER SURPRISED NOR PARTICULARLY ELATED" BY MIKI ANNOUNCEMENT JAPAN WOULD ABIDE BY IWC QUOTAS. STATES THESE SET AT HIGH LEVEL TO APPEASE JAPAN, SOVIET THREATS TO WALK OUT OF IWC. MOREOVER, CHARGES JAPAN OPERATES WHALING FLEET UNDER FLAGS OF NON-IWC STATES, SUCH AS PERU, TO GET AROUND QUOTAS, AND WILL ADD FOURTH FLEET TO THREE SAILING FOR ANTARCTIC. THEREFORE, CONSERVATIONISTS LACK FAITH UNCLASSIFIED

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IN JAPAN, SOVIET INTENTION TO REDUCE CATCH, AND IN IWC RESOLVE, ABILITY TO FORCE REDUCTIONS; WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE 10-YR MORATORIUM ESSENTIAL TO "PULL GREAT WHALES BACK FROM BRINK OF EXTINCTION."

ADM LAROCQUE LETTER TO WP DEPLORES DISTORTIONS IN RECENT EVANS/NOVAK COLUMN, EVIDENT PURPOSE OF WHICH WAS TO DISCREDIT HIS VIEWS ON WIDE-RANGE OF US-JAPAN SECURITY ISSUES. STATES FEW AGREE WITH COLUMNISTS' UGGESTION THAT CONCERN OVER NUCLEAR ACCIDENT "OUTRAGEOUS." CLAIMS THEY DO "INJUSTICE" TO ASAHI SHIMBUN (HIS HOST IN JAPAN) AND ITS SIX-MILLION READERS BY CALLING NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER "LEFT-WING". REMINDS THAT HE DOES NOT ADVOCATE RAPID WITHDRAWAL US TROOPS FROM KOREA, WHICH MADE CLEAR DURING VISIT TO SEOUL AT INVITATION OF ROKG EARLIER

THIS YEAR--INSTEAD SUGGESTED RECENTLY IN JAPAN THAT
42,000 US TROOPS BE PHASED DOWN OVER 5-YR PERIOD.

REFERS TO OWN TESTIMONY THAT USN "NUCLEAR CAPABLE"
SHIPS DO ENTER JAPANESE PORTS, AND "NORMAL NAVY
PRACTISE" I NOT TO OFN-LOAD NUKES BEFORE ENTERING
PORT. DECLARES PRUDENT SELF-INTEREST ALONE DICTATES
GREATER RESTRAINT, FOR RELATIONSHIP FLAWED BY IMPORTANT,
SENSITIVE MATTER OF NUKES MAY GREATLY STRAIN US-JAPAN
TIES IN FUTURE.

KEYES BEECH (SATURDAY REVIEW 8/23) EXAMINES JAPAN'S
FUTURE, SEES IT DEPENDENT ON FOREIGN RAW MATERIALS TO
FEED ITS INDUSTRY, UNLIKELY TO RETURN TO MILITARISM,
AND TIED TO US BY COMMON ASPIRATION AND NEEDS OF TRADE.
SUGGESTS US MIGHT WELL TAKE SAME PRAGMATIC APPROACH
TO POST-VN POLICY AS JAPAN; IN END, BEST POLICY WE COULD
HAVE TOWARD JAPAN IS ONE WE HAVE NOW -- ALTERNATIVE IS
TO CUT JAPAN ADRIFT FROM WESTERN TIES, WHICH COULD
BE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS, FOR AS ONE JAPAN-WATCHER HAS
SAID "JAPAN IS NOBODY'S DOMINO" (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

18. KOREA

WSTAR'S WILLOUGHBY (8/23) REVIEWS DC SUPERIOR COURT
TRIAL TO DETERMINE WHETHER REV SUN MYUNG MOON'S
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UNIFICATION CHURCH CAN BE ORDERED RETURN 18-YR OLD
WENDY HELLENDER TO HER PARENTS. NOTES JUDGE BELSON
MADE CLEAR NEITHER GIRL'S BELIEFS, NOR CHURCH DOCTRINE
IS ON TRIAL. DESCRIBES ACTIVITIES OF PROFESSIONAL
"DEPROGRAMMERS" HIRED BY PARENTS TO RECOVER CHILDREN
FROM RELIGIOUS GROUPS OF WHICH THEY DISAPPROVE,
INCLUDING TED PATRICK WHO WAS GIVEN ONE YEAR SUSPENDED
SENTENCE IN DENVER IN 1973 FOR SEIZING TWO WOMEN OVER
21 TO DEPROGRAM THEM AT REQUEST OF PARENTS. LP'S HYER
CITES TESTIMONY BY UNIFICATION CHURCH MEMBERS ABOUT
FORCIBLE ATTEMPTS BY OWN FAMILIES TO HAVE THEM
DEPROGRAMMED. INGERSOLL

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